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SUBJ: GAO SURVEY OF US OPIUM SUPPLIES AND REQUIREMENTS

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1. OPIUM PROJECTIONS MADE BY INCB TO DATE ARE CONTAINED BOARD'S 1973 REPORT. AS WASH KNOWS, BOARD'S EVALUATION THROUGH 1977 OF OPIUM/OPIATE REQUIREMENTS BASED ON EXTRAPOLATION OF PAST TRENDS AND DETERMINATION OF CORRESPONDING RESOURCES IS SET FORTH TABLE VII OF OPIUM STUDY SECTION OF 1973 REPORT, AND THIS TABLE IS IN TURN BASED ON DIAGRAM ATTACHED TABLE II.

2. INCB PROPOSES MAKE REVISED PROJECTIONS FOLLOWING RECEIPT PRODUCTION/UTILIZATION STATISTICS FOR 1973, INDIAN OPIUM PRODUCTION AND ANTICIPATED EXPORT DATA FOR 1974, AND GOVTS' ESTIMATES FOR 1975. RELEVANT TO BOARD'S CALCULATIONS WILL BE WHETHER INDIA PLANS EXPORT STRAW FROM 1974 POPPY CROP. WE NOTE THAT REF B STATES IT WILL TAKE AT LEAST THREE YEARS BEFORE POPPY STRAW PROCESSING PLANT GOES INTO OPERATION IN INDIA BUT WE ARE NOT ENTIRELY CLEAR AS TO WHETHER GOI PLANS IN INTERIM EXPORT STRAW. DALE

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